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Applicants: Akira HAMAMASTU, et al.  
Serial No.: 10/724,750  
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Title: METHOD FOR INSPECTING DEFECT AND APPARATUS FOR  
INSPECTING DEFECT  
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**AMENDMENT**

**Mall Stop: Amendment**  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 16, 2005, the period of response for which extension of time is requested in the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

**Amendments to the claims begin on page 2;**

**Remarks are included beginning on page 6; and**

**Authorization is included on page 11.**

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Office Action dated September 16, 2005**AUTHORIZATION**

Applicants request any shortage or excess in fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, and for which no other form of payment is offered, be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 520.43302PX1).

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### APPLICATION AS FILED - PART I

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(i), (j), or (k))	N/A	N/A
SEARCH FEE (37 CFR 1.16(h), (i), or (m))	N/A	N/A
EXAMINATION FEE (37 CFR 1.16(c), (d), or (q))	N/A	N/A
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(i))	minus 20 =	
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(h))	minus 3 =	
APPLICATION SIZE FEE (37 CFR 1.16(e))	If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper, the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT (37 CFR 1.16(j))		

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SMALL ENTITY	
RATE (\$)	FEE (\$)
N/A	150.00
N/A	250
N/A	100
X\$ 25	
X100	
+180=	
TOTAL	

OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
RATE (\$)	FEE (\$)
N/A	300.00
N/A	500
N/A	200
X\$50	
X200	
+360=	
TOTAL	

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AMENDMENT A			
Total (37 CFR 1.16(h))	6	20	
Independent (37 CFR 1.16(h))	4	3	1
Application Size Fee (37 CFR 1.16(s))			
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(j))			

SMALL ENTITY	
RATE (\$)	ADDITIONAL FEE (\$)
X\$ 25	
X100	
+180=	
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
RATE (\$)	ADDITIONAL FEE (\$)
X\$50	
X200	200.00
+360=	
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	200.00

	(Column 1) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(Column 2) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(Column 3) PRESENT EXTRA
AMENDMENT B			
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Independent (37 CFR 1.16(h))			
Application Size Fee (37 CFR 1.16(s))			
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(j))			

SMALL ENTITY	
RATE (\$)	ADDITIONAL FEE (\$)
X\$ 25	
X100	
+180=	
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
RATE (\$)	ADDITIONAL FEE (\$)
X\$50	
X200	
+360=	
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

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